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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 7 June 1950

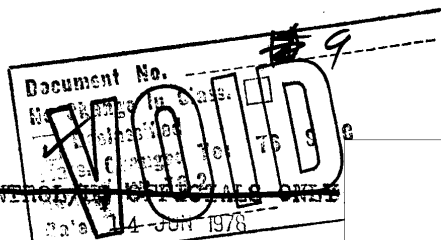
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REMARKS

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1. Thirty-five twin-engine DC-3 transports were moored on the northeastern edge of the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield on 30 March 1950. the airfield was occupied by about 400 men, including about 60 parachute officers and EM. * About 16 trucks, 2 tank trucks, 2 fire trucks, and 2 ambulances were in the airfield motor pool. Truck was seen. No radar set or DF station was at the field.
2. Three transports practiced take-offs and landing at the field on the night of 31 March 1950 between 8:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. The position lights were turned on. An about 300-meter flare path, bordered by three red lamps on the north and three green lamps on the south, was set up on the landing field in a N-S direction. The crews were exchanged several times at the take-off point. The moon was full and the sky almost cloudless. The landing light was on while the planes landed.
3. Two transports made local flights on the evening of 3 April 1950 in clear weather.
4. About 200 laborers were doing expansion work on the runway. The subgrade of the expansion strip was rolled. The main road, previously running along the northern



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edge of the field, was being torn up and was apparently to be removed. The circular taxiway was to be expanded from the northeast corner of the field to the north. Preparation work, such as cutting of trees, had been done there. **

5. Twenty DC-3s were parked on the northern edge of the field and fifteen DC-3s on the eastern edge between 10 and 20 April 1950. (1) Three DC-3s practiced formation flying in the morning of 14 April 1950. There was no other flying. Workers employed at the field said that the occupation was reduced to about 350 officers and EM. Expansion work at the field continued. 50X1-HUM

6. It was observed several times that driving instruction was given on [redacted] trucks [redacted]

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Passenger car [redacted] ambulance [redacted] and [redacted] trucks were also seen at the field [redacted]

* Comment : The occupation of the airfield by an air transport regiment, equipped with about 40 LI-2s (DC-3s), has not changed. [redacted]

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** Comment : The construction work at the field
has been confirmed but the scheduled
date for completion has not been reported.

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*** Comment : The motor vehicle were
previously reported to be assigned to units of the
air transport regiment.

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